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SUBJECT: TALK WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK

1.ON AUGUST 9, THE DAY OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S
RESIGNATION, I LUNCHEONED AS THE GUEST OF NIKOLAI G. EGORYTCHEV,
SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO DENMARK. THOSE PRESENT INCLUDED A RUSSIAN
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TRADE EXPERT FROM MOSCOW AND THE AMBASSADOR'S TRANSLATOR.

2. THE AMBASSADOR BEGAN OUR TALK BY SAYING THAT HE SPOKE FOR BOTH HIS GOVERNMENT AND HIMSELF IN EXPRESSING HIS SYMPATHY FOR MR. NIXON, THE ARCHITECT OF AMERICAN-SOVIET DETENTE. HE SAID HE HOPED THAT THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S WISE MOVES IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN POLICY WOULD BE CONTINUED BY PRESIDENT FORD.

3. I REPLIED THAT WHILE I HAD ONLY TALKED ONCE WITH THE NEW PRESIDENT, AND THAT WAS SIX MONTHS AGO WHEN HE WAS VICE PRESIDENT, THE DISCUSSION HAD CENTERED ON FOREIGN POLICY AND I COULD PERSONALLY ASSURE THE AMBASSADOR THAT PRESIDENT FORD WAS IN SYMPATHY WITH MR. NIXON'S POLICIES IN THIS FIELD. THE FACT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL CONTINUE IN OFFICE IS IN ITSELF A GUARANTEE OF THIS.

4. THE AMBASSADOR THEN BROUGHT UP THE MATTER OF US-SOVIET TRADE AND THE DIFFICULTIES RESULTING FROM THE INSISTENCE OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THAT PROGRESS IN THIS AREA BE LINKED TO A CHANGE IN THE SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD THE EMIGRATION OF RUSSIAN JEWS. HE TOLD ME THAT THERE IS A LAW NOW ON THE BOOKS IN HIS COUNTRY WHICH PERMITS ANY JEW TO LEAVE THE USSR--EVEN THOSE FORMERLY EMPLOYED IN SENSITIVE INDUSTRIES SUCH AS ATOMIC RESEARCH--THREE YEARS AFTER THEY APPLY FOR A PERMIT TO LEAVE. HE SAID THE REASON IS THAT AFTER THREE YEARS TECHNICAL SECRETS WOULD NO LONGER BE SECRETS.

5. WE DISCUSSED THE PROLIFERATION OF MEMBERS IN THE ATOMIC CLUB AND THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE COULD WELL UNDERSTAND WHY INDIA HAD TO HAVE THE BOMB IN ORDER TO PROTECT HERSELF FROM AN AGGRESSION-ORIENTED CHINA. I REPLIED THAT CHINA MUST BE HAVING A HARD ENOUGH TIME FEEDING HER OWN NATION OF NEARLY A BILLION PEOPLE WITHOUT TAKING ON ADDITIONAL HUNGRY MILLIONS FROM INDIA. HE EXPRESSED ANXIETY ABOUT HIS COUNTRY'S POOR RELATIONS WITH PEOPLE'S CHINA ALTHOUGH PUTTING THE BLAME SQUARELY ON PEKING. THE IRONY OF THE FACT THAT THE USSR IS NOW CLAIMING FORMER CHINESE TERRITORY ANNEXED BY THE CZARS DID NOT OCCUR TO HIM.

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6. ASKED HIS VIEWS OF THE CURRENT FOOD CRISIS IN AFRICA AND THE POTENTIAL FUTURE CRISIS IN OTHER OF THE OVER-POPULATED NATIONS HE SAID THAT THIS WAS LARGELY A RESULT OF COLONIALISM. I POINTED OUT THAT LACK OF A FIRM BIRTH CONTROL POLICY CAN HARDLY BE LAID TO THE COLONIAL POWERS NOR CAN THE CURRENT HIGH PRICES OF OIL AND THEIR RESULTING INCREASE IN THE COST OF VITAL FERTILIZERS.

7. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE GOVERNMENT CHANGES IN GREECE AND ASKED HOW IN MY OPINION IT MIGHT AFFECT THE US POSITION THERE. I REPLIED THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS URGED THE COLONELS TO RETURN THE COUNTRY TO A PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY AND NATURALLY ARE NOW PLEASED THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED. I ADDED THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS STRONGLY PRO-NATO AND BELIEVES IN KEEPING THE POWER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IN BALANCE. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THE GRECO-TURKISH CRISIS OVER CYPRUS WITH BOTH THE GREEK AND TURKISH AMBASSADORS AND WAS OF THE OPINION THAT ONLY THE RETURN OF MAKARIOS WOULD BRING PEACE TO THAT TROUBLED ISLAND.

8. THE ATMOSPHERE OF OUR LONG TALK WAS CORDIAL AND I THINK MUTUALLY PROFITABLE.
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